

École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
October 8, 2024 @ 6:30PM
Virtual on TEAMS



ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members

Parents:

Present: Gésua Catalano, Sandra Gabriele, Victoria Grosko, Mark Carras

Absent: Christi Milsom, Leslie Ning, Hajar Bahir-Lapierre

Teachers:

Present: Jennifer Lacroix, Nadia Di Mattia, Rola Soueidan

Absent: Patty Foschi, Dina Simec

Other Staff:

Present: Mara Filippone, Mary De Palma-Nitti

Non-Voting Members

Present:

Principal: Tanya Alvares

Absent:

Com. Reps: (absent)

Commissioner: (absent)

Guests: none

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by the Chair, Sandra Gabriele

2. Adoption of Agenda

G. Catalano moves to adopt the agenda. J. Lacroix seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

- September 19, 2024 minutes had the following errors to be corrected:
 - o Jennifer Lacroix was absent.

- The Annual PET AGM Started at 6:00pm and was adjourned at 6:50pm.
- The GB Meeting was called to order at 9:48, not 6pm.
- With these edits reflected, M. Carras moved for approval of September 19, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by N. Di Mattia and passed unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Terry Fox Run did not happen due to conflict with Fun Day. PET staff will look to organize a Spring run instead.

5. Question Period

6. New Business

6.1 Bike path, rue Bélanger, rue Chabot safety

- Discussion occurred detailing accident between cyclist and vehicle on September 11, 2024 in the cycling path on the Belanger/Chabot debarquement area.
- The PET Governing Board was asked by a PET Community Member to conduct a study or otherwise address the issue.
- The GB's discussion included detailing of:
 - Concerns over the planned placement of the bike path and likely collisions with vehicles due to the PET debarquement area were articulated by Principal T. Alvares to the city prior to construction. This accident was foreseen.
 - Agreement that a study by the GB is out of scope, but that a letter would be prepared and sent to the city articulating (i) the incident, (ii) the history of safety concerns conveyed to the city prior to the bike line and debarquement area being constructed, (iii) ongoing concerns, and (iv) proposed safety measures that should be implemented. The letter will be prepared by S. Gabriele.

6.2 Approval of PELO classes for 2024-2025

- Funds have been provided by the EMSB and the full slate of PELO courses can be offered. There may be conflicts with the after-school programs, but the PET administration could not wait for the PELO class scheduling to resolve itself prior to sending out after-school program registrations.

- Motion: Approve PELO Courses at PET in 3 languages (Spanish, Italian, Portuguese), to be provided across 3 cycles, with courses to be held after school.
 - o Moved by J. Lacroix
 - o Seconded by G. Catalano
 - o Motion passes unanimously

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

- Nil – no meetings yet.

7.2 Commissioner's Report (5 minutes)

- Nil. No Commissioner.

7.3 Treasurer's Report (2 minutes)

- No report

7.4 Principal's Report (10 minutes)

- Total registered students of 313 on September 30, down from last year.
- Nearly fully-staffed. Just one day-care worker missing. A Grade ¾ French teacher and a Science teacher were recently hired. They have a new School technician, Miss Anna.
- Report Cards are coming out next week.
- Parent Teacher interviews will be held in-person in November and virtually in February. School book fairs (Scholastic) will be held around the same time as both Nov/Feb parent-teacher interviews. French bookfair option (Babaar) was not selected as (i) Babaar is looking to stop doing book fairs, and (ii) the profit sharing arrangement with the school is not as good as the Scholastic option.

7.5 Teachers' Report (5 minutes)

- Teachers are working on the fall Progress Report cards.
- Talent show happening on Halloween
- Cross-country day and soccer day happening this week.

7.6 PPO Report (5 minutes)

- Coffee fundraiser saw about \$5,000 in profit. Online sales were good, but the other sales (by form) were more intensive and put pressure on the office. PPO is looking at ways to further the coffee fundraiser and will provide updates at a later date.
- Request \$500 from PPO funds to buy reflective bands for the kids (instead of the usual snacks, which are being stopped due to large amount of allergies at the school).
 - o Motion to provide \$500 to PPO from PPO funds to purchase reflective bands as a Halloween present/treat for the kids. Motioned by J. Lacroix, seconded by M. Carras. Passed unanimously.
- A haunted house or other event is going to be set-up as an event for kids on Halloween. Care will be taken not to disrupt preparation/running of the Halloween talent show. Other fun activities are being set up (e.g., “guess how many candies are in the jar.”).
- The PPO would like to do a “Welcome back” coffee-style event again to help build community, building on success of the September event.
- November: cheese-style fundraiser + bake sale (previously approved by the GB)
- December: Bo Sapin fundraiser again (order a tree or wreath). The school show will take place on Friday, Dec. 13 and will kick off a week of festivities, with Breakfast with Santa happening the next week.
- Dress-down days have been previously approved by the GB.

7.7 Grad Committee (2 minutes)

- First meeting to happen likely in November. J. Lacroix has already started working on a sweatshirt design.

7.8 Daycare/Lunch Report (5 minutes)

- November 1 PED day = Dino-anniversaire, cost \$10 per child
- November 29 PED day = Bricks 4 Kids, cost \$10 per child
- G. Catalano moves and R. Soueidan seconds a motion to approve the Nov. 1 and Nov. 29 PED Days with Dino-anniversaire and Bricks 4 Kids PED day activities at a cost of \$10 per child. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Varia (2 minutes)

- Governing Board Introductory/Orientation materials to be circulated
- Going forward, GB Meetings will last 90 minutes. Agenda items that are time-sensitive will be moved up on the agenda order, as required. Other items would be bumped to the next meeting.

9. Next meeting: GB agreed on the meeting dates below.

- o Nov 4
- o Dec 9
 - may be moved to Dec.16
- o Jan 13
 - may be cancelled
- o Feb 3
- o Mar 10
- o Apr 7
- o May 5
- o Jun 10

10. Adjournment

- J. Lacroix moves to adjourn the meeting. M. Carras seconds. Motion passes unanimously at 7:52pm.